

THE OFFICIAL FINDING IN THE LUSITANIA CASE

London.—That the Lusitania was torpedoed, "not merely with intention of sinking ship, but also of destroying human lives; was official finding today of Lord Mersey, who presided at the board of trade inquiry.

Lord Mersey held the German charge that the Lusitania was armed, that she carried masked guns and trained gunners and that she was being used as a troop transport, had been proven utterly untrue.

Petrograd.—First great battle at western end of Russian battle front since retreat from the Mazurian lakes is imminent. Falling back slightly before German advance, Russians taking up strongly entrenched positions along line extending from Courland to the Vistula.

Von Hindenburg's center, aiming at Warsaw through Przasnysz, has been reinforced by arrival of nearly 150,000 troops within last 48 hours. The great Russian fortress of Novo Georgiewsk, protecting Warsaw from the north, is the objective of this German army.

Czar's troops have been forced to retreat in extreme north, along Wind-su river, at several points north and northwest of Warsaw, and on front directly west of capital.

Mostly scouting parties, who retired upon their main bodies after making few hours' stand against the advancing Germans.

Amsterdam.—Austrian archduke, Carl Francis Joseph, appointed major general in German army and rear admiral in German navy by kaiser because of his part in recent Gallician campaign.

Rome.—Emperor Franz Josef of Austria is seriously ill, according to newspaper *Ida Nazionale*.

LETTER WARNS AMERICANS TO STAY OFF ATLANTIC LINERS

Washington, April 17.—Another letter signed "Pearce" and threatening death to J. P. Morgan and British

Ambassador Spring Rice, has been received here. Handwriting is similar to others that have borne same signature, but interlineations closely resembling writing in warning of bomb explosion that occurred in Washington lead investigators to wonder if Pearce is not Frank Holt.

This letter decalres:

"The Imperial German consulate, by advertisement, and Muentzer by message, warned Americans what was going to befall the Lusitania. Abiding by instructions we will carry out the same system. Americans going to Europe are warned to stay off the following vessels:

"From New York: Orduna, Saxonia, Cameronia, Niagara, Espagne; From Philadelphia: Steamer Huva; from New Orleans: Anglo-Australian, Kelvinia, Median, Nortonian, Defender, Nicosian; from Montreal: Northland; from Newport News: Graciana; from Savannah: Glensloy."

NO ROOM TO TALK



Girlie—But, Charlie, why don't you reason with your wife?

Charlie—You now I don't talk with my fingers.